

First United Methodist Church Circuit Rider



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From the Pastor

This is a great community and a wonderful church, and I'm glad to be here! I am hopeful and expecting this church to continue to grow and prosper as I serve God here in Fort Lupton.

Did you know that this Church has a Youth Group that has 14-17 members who have showed up, even before we hired a new Youth Director? On Sunday I counted 18 children upfront in the sanctuary for the Children's Sermon! This bodes well for Sunday School! We are starting a Homeless ministry in the Miracle House soon and it seems like people from this church are involved in nearly everything that is Fort Luptonian/Lupt-ianer. (How do you say that?) We have a new Youth Director, new Sunday School Superintendent, and a bunch of new and continuing people involved with children's and youth ministries. The music ministries of this congregation are fantastic - I look forward to the return of the choir, shortly. There are so many other wonderful ministries here - I could go on Wow!

Clearly, you as a congregation have been doing something right for some time! Yes, you've had some ups and downs, but I see a lot of ups. I see a long wonderful future ahead for this congregation.

I believe that the best days of this congregation are ahead of us. In addition, I believe it is vital to remember the past and be grateful for the leadership and participation of the many who have gone on before us. This congregation is, after all, 151 years old! There are no longer any 'charter/founding members' alive; just the visions and dreams of those charter members!

Last summer Rich and I went to Great Britain, and we saw Methodist Churches there. There in England, the birthplace/area of Methodism, we found a lovely, lonely, large old church building near the sea which had housed a Methodist congregation for a couple hundred years. Now it was shuttered and closed. There were still a few people in town who remembered the church and gave us directions. Without asking, they volunteered some of their understanding for its demise.

They told me that it was an old building and had become too expensive to maintain. They told me that a few years ago the congregation had dwindled down to a few people unwilling to change. They mentioned the faithfulness of Mrs. (?) who had worked so hard to keep the memory of her family alive in the church, especially since

they couldn't afford a Pastor. The neighbors were hopeful that the town would buy it so the lovely old building could be retained by the town and used for city offices and meetings.

What? Mrs. (?) worked hard to keep the memory of her family alive in the lovely, old, unmaintained building? I suspect Mrs. (?) and that small group of Methodists were doing their best. I also know that the climate in many communities for any church has become a challenge.

I did not want to be insulting so I didn't say it - but - I know the church is to be about the continuing mission and ministry of Jesus Christ - not so much about keeping the memories of family alive; though memories are certainly important.

I believe there is a wonderful *cloud of witnesses* cheering us on (Hebrews 12:1-2a) who have wonderful memories of our church; the witnesses who have died and joined Jesus Christ. Those witnesses certainly retain their memories about the roles and ministries they had in church. I doubt that they worked for the church to solely be around in their time and age and to keep their memories holy.

I believe they worked on earth for the Kingdom of God, on earth as it is in heaven: the big picture! Now, this cloud of witnesses can see at First UMC of Fort Lupton the fruits of the Spirit continuing to grow and being used by this congregation for the purposes of Jesus Christ. I believe they rejoice! We can remember the past - and move forward! The cloud of witnesses know that even better days can be ahead of us at First United Methodist Church of Fort Lupton!

I am grateful to be in partnership with you as we go forward in Christ!

Pastor Kay



"So then let's also run the race that is laid out in front of us, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us. Let's throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, and fix our eyes on Jesus, faith's pioneer and perfecter..." Hebrews 12: 1-2a.

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THANK YOU

I would like to send a heartfelt Thank You! To everyone that has been praying for my health the last seven years but especially this July with my ACL reconstruction surgery and many months of physical therapy to come.

Kevin and I truly appreciate the dinners provided over the last week. I enjoyed the visits as well thank you again. Have Blessed Day - Michelle (Shelly LeBlanc) and Kevin Gross

To the First United Methodist Church, Thank you so much for your donation to the Fort Lupton Food and Clothing Bank. The donation

Thank You

will help serve the community. Thank you again, Fort Lupton Food and Clothing Bank

To whom it may concern: I really want to thank you for the wonderful scholarship opportunity you have presented to me. Lately I have been busy because I was attending the summer semester over at CSU. The summer went well and the academic experience was amazing! Anyway, thank you for the opportunity and I appreciate it because it will help further my dreams and education, Also thank you for the Sunday mass and the treats afterwards! Thank you Erik Hernandez

Dear Gwen, Donna H., Mariann, Janet Lee, Cindy Hood, Judy Ceretto, Vada Roedel, Beverly Rudy, Pat Terry, Barb Irsik and congregation, I want to thank you for your kind words, hugs, conversation, calls, food, cards, prayers, visits during the loss of my sister, Sharon Hepp. It has been difficult losing my mom & Sharon 63 days apart, but with the support I have received always makes things easier. Your concern and caring has helped me and more than words can say. God Bless you all, Kathy Nelson Purifoy and family of Sharon Hepp.



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United Methodist Women

UMW has had a quiet summer. We did host the United Methodist District Day Apart in July. The Brighton UMW provided the continental breakfast and our UMW provided lunch & our church to meet in. There were 94 people

that attended. We met in August to start planning for the annual Turkey Dinner. It won't be too long before the famous clipboard will be passed around each Sunday to sign up to help or provide supplies and food. We thank you in advance

for all the help the church & community does to support our annual fundraiser. We could not do it without you. Submitted by Laurie McCartney



MEET OUR NEW STAFF OF 2014



Anthony Bucher

Director of Facilities & Maintenance

Anthony is a graduate of Fort Lupton High School. As Director of Facilities he

is responsible for the overall cleaning of the church, and the Miracle House. He is also responsible for the overall indoor and outdoor maintenance and upkeep of all of the facilities. He loves the outdoors and has a passion for our church.

Keri Roedel

Treasurer

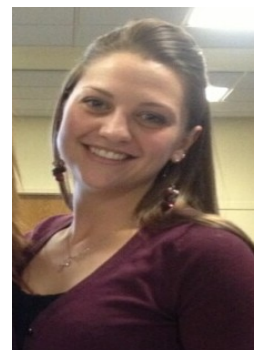
Keri has her BA in Corporate Fitness from Mesa State. Her duties, as treasurer, are to disperse all funds received into the church treasury in a responsible and organized manner, with funds identified and bills paid when due, so that the ministry of the congregation can be effective. Keri loves to hangout with her family and read.



Amanda Norton

Youth Director

Amanda is getting her degree from UNC in anthropology with a medical emphasis and minor in chemistry. Her duties as Youth Director are overall planning and development of the youth program, assist in the pastoral care of youth and their families, and attend special events such as summer camps, leadership camps, Youth Weekend, mission trips, and other seasonally appropriate events. Amanda loves hiking, kayaking, and cooking.



Rev. Kay Palmer Marsh

Pastor

Pastor Kay is coming from Westminster United Methodist Church, where she served for 10 years. She has also served at Rinn United Methodist Church in Frederick, Eads and Haswell United Methodist Churches and Heritage United Methodist Church in Littleton.

Pastor Kay earned her divinity and doctorate degrees from Iliff School of Theology in Denver. Pastor Kay also loves the opera.

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Hope @ Miracle House

Please visit our webpage @ www.hopeatmiraclehouse.org

We are a faith based coalition with the goal of assisting families and individuals that are homeless in South Weld County. An existing hotel voucher system, implemented by the cooperation of a local church alliance was previously invaluable in this area. Unfortunately due to growth in our community and a local oil boom, this program has been unable to serve the community effectively. Hotel rooms are booked for months, leaving many to face the nights in their cars or other makeshift accommodations. Over a year ago this group began discussing what could be done to intervene for those struggling to find stability, and we are now ready to implement some solutions.

Our program will consist of an emergency shelter operating from October 1 through March 31, seven days a week. Applicants will undergo an interview process prior to acceptance, and must be willing to follow all program rules and guidelines including actively seeking housing and employment. All children must attend school. CBI background checks and drug/alcohol screenings will be provided by the FLPD. Upon acceptance, guests will be enrolled in case management. Catholic Charities will provide this in a customized program that will assist in job and housing placement, as well as family counseling and other social assistance programs available through Weld County.

We will love them... Every single person in our group has an enormous desire to pour into the lives of others in need of lifting up in more than just physical needs. Our daily commitment will be to provide a breakfast, a dinner, and a safe, comfortable place to sleep for the night. We will achieve this through the combined efforts of volunteers in a weekly rotation. Three churches have committed thus far; First United Methodist Church, Seventh Day Adventist Church, and Crossroads Church. Each church will be responsible for staffing and providing meals for their designated weeks.

Our Current Needs

One time needs:

- Hot Box used for eliminating bed bugs from clothing/belongings
- Coleman or other brand camping cots (8)
- Clean or new crib/playpen that can be folded or collapse easily.
 - Bed bug (resistant) pillows & blankets
 - A freestanding shower unit (new)

Laundry baskets (preferably with a lid of some type)

Ongoing needs:

- Paper products (toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, napkins, paper plates, bowls)
- Plastic products (plastic forks, knives, spoons, cups)
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, salt = pepper)
- Diapers (all sizes)
- Toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, conditioner, feminine products)
- Air fresheners
- Laundry soap (free of perfumes if possible) & Fabric softener (free of perfumes if possible)

Volunteers Needed—contact church office if interested!

Youth Activities

Sunday School starts September
21st Contact Suzan DeBerg
with any questions

CLC starts September 17th
Contact church office with any questions

Youth Group is up and running
It is on Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm.

Registration forms can be found online —www.fumc-fortlupton.org or in
the church office.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

08/31	Iva	Thiesen	10/11	Darrel	McCrumb
09/01	Bonnie	Leihy	10/12	Kevin	Gross
09/01	Rick	Floodeen	10/14	Adam	Rentz
09/01	Chantel	Floodeen	10/15	Steven	Stroble
09/03	Reed	Kopfman	10/16	Rob	Payne
09/04	Barbara	Gaul	10/17	George	Gaul
09/04	Betty	Carter	10/17	Roy	DeBlieck
09/04	Amy	Frazier	10/18	Mike	Acre
09/05	Ernest	Unrein	10/19	Karson	Evens
09/05	Debbie	Meadows	10/19	Kamdin	Johnston
09/05	Jennifer	Anders	10/20	Lynda	Jones
09/06	Nevaeh	Irsik	10/21	Hannah	Frizzell
09/06	Alexis	Irsik	10/21	Frank	Meadows
09/08	Dominique	Edgar	10/21	David	Dale
09/09	Kacey	Purifoy	10/22	Ron	Ceretto
09/10	Ron	Brown	10/23	Marcene	Martin
09/10	Terry	Garrett	10/24	Vada	Roedel
09/10	Tim	Garrett	10/24	Rhonda	Button
09/10	Stephen	Woodruff	10/25	Jim	Kopfman
09/11	Caylin	Edgar	10/25	Bill	Dale
09/12	Zoya	Schroeder	10/26	Jason	Pope
09/12	Laurie	McCartney	10/27	Ben	McClure
09/13	Jim	Roedel	10/27	Ruth	McClure
09/13	Jenny	Cullum	10/27	Jace	Brockert
09/14	Kathleen	Payne	10/28	Jay	Shaw
09/17	Jeanette	Thiesen	10/29	Lori	Castilleja
09/18	Kathy	Nelson-Purifoy	10/30	Mickey	Hatchell
09/18	Barb	Irsik	10/30	Courtney	Gaul
09/20	Diana	Howard			
09/21	Bryan	Edens			
09/21	Justin	Leyba			
09/21	Brian	Howard			
09/24	Jim Jr.	Roedel			
09/24	Jolene	Bangert-Manternach			
09/25	Leo	Bissell			
09/25	Gary	Pope			
09/25	Melanie	Newton			
09/27	Ino	Duarte			
09/29	Gabby	Norby			
09/30	Lissa	Hood			
10/01	John	Taylor			
10/05	Adele	Newton			
10/06	Mike	Bangert			
10/11	Patty	Bucher			

Anniversaries

09/01	Ron and Judy Ceretto
09/05	Roy and Traci DeBlieck
09/10	Brian & Ashley Bueker
09/11	Ernest and Loree Unrein
09/19	Gene and Carri Edgar
09/20	Jay and Bonnie Shaw
09/24	Judd and Tina Ceretto
10/01	Floyd & Doris Robley
10/06	Don and Diana Tomoi
10/10	Eldon and Tanya Marrs
10/14	Rick and Barb Floodeen
10/15	Dan and Jacque Kerr
10/22	Phil and Jeanie Tiffany



Wish List for CLC

- Square boxes of tissues
- Toilet paper roles
- Glue sticks
- Popsicle sticks
- Empty wrapping paper rolls
- Colored construction paper
- Colored tissue paper

September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 9am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday Sch	Sep 1 OFFICE CLOSED Labor Day	2	3 10:15am Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group 7pm Choir Practice	4 7pm UMW	5	6 Trappers Day
7 9am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday Sch	8 7pm Foxy Quilters	9	10 10:15am Bible Study 3:30pm Christian Life 6:30pm Youth Group 7pm Choir Practice	11	12	13
14 Kick off Sunday 9am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday Sch	15 6:30pm Many Blessin 7pm Mary Circle	16	17 10:15am Bible Study 1:15pm Lunch Bunch 3:30pm Christian Life 6:30pm Youth Group 7pm Choir Practice 8pm Worship Planni	18 7pm Church Council	19	20
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